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PARA 1 " E" AND " F" REF TEL SHOULD READ AS FOLLOWS:

E) FOLLOWING RELATES US STOCKPILE: QUOTE THE EXPORTING COUNTRIES DISCUSSED THE PRESENT HIGH LEVEL OF PRICES AND APPEALED TO ALL COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE FIBRE AVAILABLE FOR SALE TO RELEASE IT TO THE MARKET AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THEY ALSO RECALLED THAT EXPECTED SALES FROM THE UNITED STATES STRATEGIC STOCKPILE WOULD BE A CONTRIBUTING FACTOR IN THE DESIRABLE NORMALIZATION OF PRICES UNQUOTE.

F) FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS DISCUSS POSSIBILITY OF FORMAL AGREEMENT: QUOTE THE EXPORTING COUNTRIES DECIDED THAT THEY WISHED TO BEGIN DISCUSSIONS WITH A VIEW TO POSSIBLE NEGOTIATION OF A FORMAL INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT ON SISAL AND NENEQUEN. THEY THEREFORE ASKED THE SECRETARIAT TO PREPARE AN INFORMATION PAPER FOR THE SIXTH SESSION OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL GROUP DEALING WITH THE POSSIBLE ELEMENTS OF, AND VARIOUS ISSUES UNCLASSIFIED

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THAT MIGHT BE INVOLVED IN, SUCH AN AGREEMENT. THEY SUGGESTED THAT, FOLLOWING THE SIXTH SESSION, A TEXT BASED ON SUCH A PAPER MIGHT BE CONSIDERED IN MORE DETAIL BY A SMALL WORKING GROUP OF EXPORTING COUNTRIES WITH A VIEW TO DRAWING UP THE TEXT OF A DRAFT AGREEMENT FOR SUBMISSION TO GOVERNMENTS. UNQUOTE. QUOTE AS REQUESTED BY THE GROUP AT ITS FIFTH SESSION, THE EXPORTING COUNTRIES HELD A PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION ON THE GENERAL LINES THAT A FORMAL INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT MIGHT TAKE. THEY AGREED THAT, INTER ALIA, SUCH AN AGREEMENT MIGHT COVER A PERIOD OF FROM THREE TO FIVE YEARS, AND SHOULD CONTAIN BOTH PRICE AND QUOTA PROVISIONS. THEY ALSO FELT THAT CONSIDERATION MIGHT BE GIVEN IN FUTURE DISCUSSIONS TO THE POSSIBILITIES OF INCLUDING IN A FORMAL AGREEMENT: (1) AN EXPORT LEVY SYSTEM FOR FINANCING RESEARCH ACTIVITIES AND/ OR DIVERSIFICATION PROJECTS; AND (2) THE COORDINATION OF NATIONAL PRICE STABILIZATION STOCKS UNQUOTE. BEAUDRY

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